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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF INVENTIONS

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2003, applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group II, Claims 5-7, drawn to the system for providing an assistance in a vehicle driving operation for prosecution in this application. Applicant makes this election without prejudice and reserves the right to prosecute the remaining invention Group I (Claims 1-4) at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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